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Community Interfaith Liaison Office (CIL) Bi-Weekly Update:

April 21st, 2003

An update from the Fairfax County Community Interfaith Liaison Office (CIL), serving Fairfax County faith communities and faith and community based organizations by sharing information, resources, training, linkages, partnership and collaboration opportunities, and coordinating human service-oriented meetings, workshops, and events for the Fairfax County faith community. The Community Interfaith Liaison Office is part of the Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services, located at 12011 Government Center Parkway, Suite 220, Fairfax, Virginia 22035. For information, please telephone (703) 324-3453 or e-mail hprym1@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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Faith Communities in Action (FCIA):

An interfaith coalition of churches, mosques, synagogues, temples, faith and community-based organizations, and government agencies gathering to learn and share information to better address human services needs in Fairfax County, Virginia.

Wednesday, May 14th, 2003, from 2:00p.m. – 4:00p.m., in Conference Rooms **4 & 5** of the Fairfax County Government Center, located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia.

All faith communities are invited to attend and encouraged to bring announcements about their upcoming community meetings, speaker events, workshops, and human service project announcements. Questions? Call Sandra Chisholm at (703) 324-5185 or e-mail at schish@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The May 14th agenda will include:

- *Gang Prevention - Community Seminar Series Report - Presentation by Ellen Tuyahov, Region III Regional Manager*
 - *FCIA Mission and Structure*
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Upcoming Events/Workshops/Conferences:

▪ **April 22nd, 2003**

Laurel Hill Adaptive Re-Use Committee
Tuesday, April 22nd, 2003
Meeting begins at 7:00p.m.
Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 232
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, Virginia 22035

For more information, please call Mary Ashton at (703) 324-3408 or e-mail mashto@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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▪ **April 23rd, 2003**

The University of Virginia and the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce present...

Government Contractors Council Training Series
"OMB Circular A76"
Wednesday, April 23rd, 2003
8:00a.m. – 10:00a.m.
Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce
Fees variable based upon member/non-member status and choice
of individual seminar/full-day workshop/full series.

Other seminar topics include:

- ***Friday, May 9th, 2003*** - *Performance-based Contracting and Performance-based Service Contracting, UVA Northern Virginia Center*
- ***Wednesday, May 21, 2003*** - *Award Term Contracting, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce*
- ***Wednesday, June 4th, 2003*** - *Federal Procurement Electronic Commerce, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce*

For more information on this training series, including pricing information, please visit www.fccc.org/events/CovConTraining.htm or contact Tekla Monteleon at tekla@virginia.edu.

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▪ **April 24th, 2003**

The Northern Virginia Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa (PDK) presents...

Free Workshop
"Jump Start Your Ideas – Grantsmanship 101"

Thursday, April 24th, 2003

5:30p.m. – 6:45p.m.

Northern Virginia Center

7054 Haycock Road

Falls Church, Virginia 22043

This workshop will cover how to get started, where to seek funding, how to respond to requests for grant applications, and how to develop budgets. To register, please contact Kathy Mallard at kmallard@virginia.edu or call (703) 536-1114.

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▪ **April 25th, 2003**

Hispanics Against Child Abuse and Neglect, Inc. (HACAN) and Childhelp Children's Center of Virginia present...

9th Annual

Child Abuse Prevention Breakfast

Friday, April 25th, 2003

8:30a.m. - 11:00a.m.

Mason District Government Center

6507 Columbia Pike

Annandale, Virginia

To RSVP, please call (703) 208-1550 or e-mail hacanva@hotmail.com.

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▪ **April 26th, 2003**

Operation Match presents...

Free Events

"Homesharing Housing Fairs"

Saturday, April 26th, 2003

10:30a.m. - 1:30p.m.

Reston Community Center

2310 Colts Neck Road

Reston, Virginia 20191

Saturday, May 10th, 2003

10:45a.m. - 1:30p.m.

Falls Church Community Center

223 Little Falls Street

Falls Church, Virginia 22046

Monday, May 26th, 2003

12:00p.m. - 2:00p.m.

Mount Vernon Recreation Center

2017 Belle View Boulevard
Alexandria, Virginia 22307

Saturday, June 7th, 2003
11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

Audrey Moore Recreation Center at Wakefield Park
8100 Braddock Road
Annandale, Virginia 22003

Learn more about your housing preferences and needs. For more information about the Homesharing Housing Fairs, please call Operation Match at (703) 385-3267.

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▪ **April 26th & 27th, 2003**

RPJ Housing's
"Rebuilding Together with Christmas and Sukkot in April"
Saturday, April 26th and Sunday, April 27th, 2003
All Day
(703) 528-5606, ext. 10

Do you know of any low-income homeowners in your congregations or communities in need of home repairs? If so, they may be eligible for RPJ Housing's April 26th and 27th home repair program. For more information on how low-income homeowners can receive repair assistance, please contact Michelle Palmer at (703) 528-5606, ext. 10 or e-mail mpalmer@rpjhousing.org.

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▪ **April 27th, 2003 and Other Dates**

Washington Plaza Baptist Church announces...

Weekly Event
"Interfaith Candlelight Peace Vigil"
Every Sunday Evening
8:30p.m.
Washington Plaza Baptist Church
On the Plaza, in front of the church, on Lake Anne.
Reston, Virginia

For more information, please contact Rev. Sandi John at (703) 471-5225.

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▪ **April 29th, 2003**

The Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington (IFC) presents...

2003 Spring Public Dialogue
"The Death Penalty: Our Faiths and Our Communities"
Tuesday, April 29th, 2003

6:00p.m. – 9:30p.m.
Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church
3401 Nebraska Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

This is a **FREE** event, with dinner and materials provided. Pre-registration is required for dinner arrangements. For more information, or to register, please call the IFC at (202) 234-6300.

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▪ **April 29th, 2003**

The Northern Virginia Interfaith Coalition for Justice (NVICJ) and the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy (VICPP) present...

Upcoming Meeting
"Spring NVICJ-VICPP Legislative Wrap-Up"
Tuesday, April 29th, 2003
7:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
School Cafeteria
3299 N. Fairfax Drive
Arlington, Virginia

For more information or directions, please contact Bonnie Lowrey at (703) 578-1653 or lowr3@erols.com.

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▪ **May 8th, 2003**

Town Meeting...

Community Dialogue
"Current Event Effects on the Fairfax County Ethnic Community"
Thursday, May 8th, 2003
6:30p.m. – 9:30p.m.
Hilton Hotel
Alexandria Mark Center
5000 Seminary Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22311

The Town Meeting is sponsored by the Fairfax County Community Resilience Project, a Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board project funded through FEMA. The Community Resilience Project of Fairfax County, Virginia is a coordinated outreach and crisis-counseling program for individuals, families, and groups most affected by the September 11th attack on the Pentagon, which was declared a disaster, and its aftermath. For more information, please call the Community Resilience Project at (703) 533-5388 or David Perera at (703) 203-7562 or e-mail Pam.Sidel@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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▪ **May 12th, 2003**

Save the date!

Community Action Advisory Board
"Health Care Town Meeting"
Monday, May 12th, 2003
7:00p.m. – 9:30p.m.
Fairfax County Government Center
Board Room
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, Virginia 22035

Using a national town meeting model, moderator Juan Williams will introduce a range of health care topics, such as prescription drug costs and lack of access to affordable health insurance. Both "experts" and participants will be invited to comment and share their experiences. The evening will end with a brief brainstorming exercise about what could be done to address the issues discussed.

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▪ **May 14th, 2003 and Other Dates**

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB), Alcohol and Drug Services presents...

Community Forum
"Vicarious Traumatization"
Speaker: Alison Behar
Wednesday, May 14th, 2003
Noon – 1:30p.m.
Vienna Presbyterian Church
124 Park Street N.E.
Vienna, Virginia 22180

Also:

Wednesday, June 11th, 2003
Hepatitis C and HIV Issues"
Speaker: Gregory Michael

For more information, please call Margaret Kollay at (703) 938-8472.

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▪ **May 14th, 2003**

The Center for Housing Counseling Training presents...

Summer Session Intensive Training Course
"Emergency and Permanent Housing"
Every Wednesday from May 14th – July 30th, 2003
1:00p.m. – 4:30p.m.
South County Government Center
8350 Richmond Highway, Room 221-A
Alexandria, Virginia 22309

Space is Limited
Course Fees:
Early Registration - \$150
Regular Registration - \$180
Group Discounts Available

To register, or for more information, please contact Joann Ochoa at (703) 550-2472 or e-mail joann@christianrelief.org.

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▪ **May 14th, 2003**

Save the Date!
Faith Communities In Action (FCIA) Meeting
Wednesday May 14th, 2003
2:00p.m. – 4:00p.m.
Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Rooms 4 & 5
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, Virginia 22035

Agenda will include:
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Community Seminar Series Report
Presentation by Ellen Tuyahov, Region III Regional Manager

For more information, please call Holly Prymak at (703) 324-3453.

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▪ **May 15th, 2003 and June 19th, 2003**

The Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services presents...

Free Hands-On Training – Multiple Sessions Available
"Learn How to Use the Human Services Resource Guide"
Thursday, May 15th, 2003; Thursday, June 19th, 2003
Each Thursday session is from 10:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.
6245 Leesburg Pike, Suite 301
Falls Church, Virginia 22044

To register, please call Resource Information Management Services (RIMS) staff, Norma Bartholomew – (703) 533-5787 or Keisha Dotson – (703) 533-5786, or e-mail wwwrim@fairfaxcounty.gov/rim.

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▪ **May 15th, 2003**

The Springfield & Franconia Exchange presents...

Human Services Community Lunch Series

"Disability Services"
Thursday, May 15th, 2003
Lunch: 11:30a.m. - NOON
Presentation: 12:00 - 1:30p.m.
First Baptist Church of Springfield
Fellowship Hall
7300 Gary Street
Springfield, Virginia 22150

No need to RSVP. Coffee and tea will be served. Brown bag lunches are encouraged. For more information or to arrange accommodations, please call Irmina Howe at (703) 324-7130 or Paulette Whiteside at (703) 324-5285.

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▪ **May 16th, 2003**

Upcoming Meeting
"Northern Virginia Regional VOAD"
Friday, May 16th, 2003
1:30p.m.
Jubilee Christian Center
4650 Shirley Gate Road
Fairfax, Virginia

If you would like more information on the Northern Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), please contact Debra Alich at (703) 924-4064 or e-mail fedvafb@aol.com.

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▪ **May 18th, 2003**

Upcoming Training
"Domestic Violence Training Program"
Sunday, May 18th, 2003
10:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.
One World Baha'í School
Located at Falls Church High School
For directions, please visit www.owbs.org

Issues covered will include:

- Basic Facts About Domestic Violence and the Role of Faith Based Communities
- Resources and Social Services
- Immigration Law and Criminal Law

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▪ **May 19th, 2003**

Central Fairfax Forum presents...

Free Conference on Immigration
"An Overview of Different Aspects of the Immigration Laws"

Monday, May 19th, 2003

9:00a.m. – 2:30p.m.

St. George's United Methodist Church

4910 Ox Road

Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Presentation topics include: ***"Refugees - After Resettlement, Then What?," "Different Status Within Immigration Laws," "Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Discrimination," and "Undocumented Residents."***

This conference is limited to 50 participants. A box lunch may be purchased for \$5.00 or you may bring a brown bag lunch. To register and/or to purchase a Box Lunch, please call Paulette Whiteside at (703) 324-5285.

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▪ **May 27th, 2003**

The University of Virginia (UVA) presents...

Leadership Series Seminar

"Styles and Attitudes of Leaders who Successfully Manage in Tough Times"

Tuesday, May 27th, 2003

6:30p.m. – 9:30p.m.

Northern Virginia Center

7054 Haycock Road

Falls Church, Virginia 22043

Fee: \$65 per person

This seminar will help leaders discover the myriad of ways in which to adapt effective leadership to specific situations in order to bring out the best in the people involved. For more information, please contact Russ Lentner at (703) 536-1127 or e-mail rlentner@virginia.edu.

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▪ **July 20th - 22nd, 2003**

Jewish Women International (JWI) presents...

The First International Conference on Domestic Abuse in the Jewish Community

"Pursuing Truth, Justice, and Righteousness - A Call to Action"

Sunday, July 20th - Tuesday, July 22nd, 2003

Hyatt Regency Hotel

Baltimore, Maryland

Please call JWI directly at 1-800-343-2823 or visit www.jewishwomen.org/CallToAction if you would like more information or printed copies of the conference brochure.

News and Announcements:

Food Stamp Program Changes

Beginning April 1st, 2003, immigrants who have lived in the United States for five years as qualified aliens, and who are otherwise eligible, will become eligible for Food Stamp Program benefits. USDA has announced that, over the next six months, it will work to communicate the eligibility changes through a variety of outreach activities, including Spanish language radio announcements. More information is available on the Internet at www.fns.usda.gov/cga/PressReleases/2003/PR-0099.03.htm.

To apply for Food Stamps in Fairfax County, contact the Department of Family Services at:

- (703) 787-4900 (Reston/Herndon)
- (703) 324-7500 (Fairfax)
- (703) 533-5300 (Falls Church)
- (703) 704-6353 (South County)

Support Group

The Parent Connection Support Group offers parents ongoing support and education with the assistance of a professional facilitator. Topics discussed include child development stages and expectations, discipline, communication, anger and stress management, and problem-solving skills. A separate group for children is led by a trained coordinator and volunteers. Both programs are free and light refreshments are served. Support groups are offered in both English and Spanish. Documentation of participation can be provided for mandated parents if necessary. If you would like to register, please contact Paola Martinez, Parent Connection Coordinator, at (703) 836-1820.

Sponsors Needed

The Capital Area Food Bank and Virginia Cooperative Extension are in desperate need of sponsors for their Kids Up Front Camp, July 6th – 10th, 2003, at the 4-H Educational Center in Front Royal, Virginia. Your sponsorship will allow children from low-income families in the Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax, Washington, D.C. and Maryland vicinity to develop new skills in nutrition, science, leadership, and recreation. If you would like to sponsor our children, please contact Nancy Kok, Corporate Grants Manager, Capital Area Food Bank (www.capitalareafoodbank.org), at (202) 526-5344, ext. 293, or e-mail kokn@cfoodbank.org.

Building Resilience Presentation Available to Faith Communities

The Community Resilience Project has developed an interactive workshop, ***“Building Resilience,”*** for presentation to faith communities (churches, mosques, synagogues, and temples). The workshop will address the topic, *“What is resilience, and what are some of the traits and qualities of a resilient person?”*

This workshop will help individuals identify their personal strengths, and share ideas for enhancing individual and family resilience to meet both everyday challenges and to address extraordinary events, such as those faced by all of us in the wake of 9/11.

For more information, please call Barb Loder at (703) 203-7690 or Paige Peters at (703) 303-0357.

Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Seminars

The American Red Cross of the National Capital Area has a series of seminars on Emergency Preparedness and Prevention topics that can be presented to faith communities.

For more information, please call Gerald Moczynski, Executive Director, Fairfax-Falls Church Office, American Red Cross of the National Capital Area, at (703) 964-0004 or e-mail MoczynskiG@usa.redcross.org.

Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services Has a New Address

Please note, Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services has a new address. Updated contact information is included below:

*Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services
8305-B Richmond Highway
P.O. Box 15096
Alexandria, VA 22309
(703) 768-9404 (Remained the same)*

Resource and Grant Opportunities:

Free Child DNA Sampling Kits

Governor Mark R. Warner has announced that 80,000 free child DNA sampling kits are now available. Virginia's new car and truck dealers are providing the free kits, which are being distributed as part of the Governor's KIDsafe Virginia initiative, a comprehensive, ten-part program intended to boost child safety efforts in the Commonwealth. A list of participating dealerships is available at the auto dealers' web-site at www.vada.com.

ETA Announces New FBCI Grants

The U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives has announced the Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) 2003 Solicitations for Grant Applications for Intermediary and Grassroots Faith-based and Community Organizations. These grant solicitations ask applicants to work

with the local government's One-Stop Career Center/Workforce Development System to help people find, retain, and advance in employment. ETA has made available funds to invest in new faith-based and community organizations intermediaries. Information and applications can be found on www.dol.gov/cfbci/funding.htm.

- Intermediary Grants - applications due May 5th, 2003
- Grants for Small Grassroots Organizations - applications due May 9th, 2003

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

In 1982, by Presidential Proclamation, April was declared Child Abuse Prevention Month. Since that time, child abuse and neglect awareness activities have been promoted across the country during this month. In 1989 in Virginia, the Blue Ribbon Campaign to Prevent Child Abuse had its early beginnings in a grandmother's tribute to her grandson who died as a result of abuse. She tied a blue ribbon to the antenna of her car as a way to remember him and to alert her community to the tragedy of child abuse.

Fairfax County's Blue Ribbon Campaign to prevent child abuse and neglect -- a public awareness effort of the Department of Family Services -- is supported by our schools, local nonprofit organizations, businesses, and other Fairfax County agencies. Congregations interested in Child Abuse Prevention blue ribbons, bookmarks, informational brochures, and articles for their newsletters or service bulletins should notify Holly Prymak at (703) 324-3453, TTY (703) 803-7914 or by e-mail at hprym1@fairfaxcounty.gov.

For more information, please visit the Blue Ribbon Campaign web page on the Fairfax County web-site at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dfs/ChildrenYouth/BlueRibbon.htm>.

Lorton Correctional Facility Surplus

Lorton Correctional Facility will auction off some surplus items, including trailers, commercial kitchen equipment, metal frame beds, etc. This equipment will be auctioned off on an as is basis. For more information, please call Mary Ashton at (703) 324-3408.

FY 2003 Technology Opportunity Program

The Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration announced the opening of the Fiscal Year 2003 Technology Opportunity Program (TOP) grant competition.

Non-profit entities, public sector organizations as well as state, local and tribal governments are eligible to apply. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, faith-based organizations, national organizations and associations, non-profit community-based organizations, non-profit health care providers, schools, libraries, museums, colleges, universities, public safety providers or other providers of social services.

Approximately \$12.4 million is available under this year's TOP. Based on past experience, NTIA expects this year's grant round to be very competitive. In Fiscal Year 2002, NTIA received 741 applications collectively requesting more than \$330 million in federal funds. From these applications, the Department of Commerce announced 25 awards totaling \$12.4 million in federal funds. An applicant may request up to a total of

\$700,000 in funds from NTIA. Federal amounts awarded are expected to range from \$350,000 to \$700,000, with an average of approximately \$500,000.

Applications are due by April 23. For more information, please visit www.ntia.doc.gov/top.

Community Fundraisers:

▪ **April 27th, 2003**

Carpenter's Homeless Shelter presents...

Fundraiser
"Carpenter's Cookoff"
Sunday, April 27th, 2003
11:30a.m. - 2:30p.m.
The Birchmere
3701Mt. Vernon Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia

Admission Charged
For Carpenters Volunteers: Individual - \$25, Family - \$50
For Non-Volunteers: Individual - \$35, Family - \$100

A casual afternoon of dining on delectable creations from Northern Virginia's finest chefs. Tickets are limited. Proceeds will be used to support Carpenter's Shelter's new transitional housing program at Lynhaven Apartments. For more information, please call (703) 548-7500, ext. 204.

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▪ **May 3rd and 4th, 2003**

Fundraiser to benefit the Alexandria Volunteer Bureau...

Community Fundraiser
"23rd Annual Old Town Arts & Crafts Fair"
Saturday, May 3rd and Sunday, May 4th, 2003
Noon - 6:00p.m.
Alexandria's Market Square
Located in front of Alexandria City Hall in the 300 block of King Street
Alexandria, Virginia
Free Admission

The event will take place rain or shine. For more information, please contact the Alexandria Volunteer Bureau at (703) 836-2176.

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▪ **May 3rd, 2003**

Dance and Silent Auction to benefit WINGS House, providing housing for adults with mental disabilities...

WINGS HOUSE, INC.
Dance and Silent Auction
Saturday, May 3rd, 2003
7:30p.m. – 12:00a.m.
The Reston Community Center
2310 Colts Neck Road
Hunter Woods Village Center
Reston, Virginia
(703) 476-4500
\$25.00 per person
(\$30 at the door)

Please make checks payable to:

WINGS HOUSE, INC.
4019 Dogberry Lane
Fairfax, VA 22033
(703) 968-6523

For more information, please call Dotti at (703) 760-1663 or e-mail dmckee@venable.com.

Contact Us:

For more information, please visit our web-site at:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dsm/cil/default.htm

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Accommodations:

Fairfax County is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in all county programs, services and activities. Special accommodations/alternative information formats for Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) meetings and Community Interfaith Liaison Office meetings, events, and workshops will be provided upon request. Please call Holly Prymak at (703) 324-3453 or TTY (703) 803-7914 to request special accommodations or if you have any questions or concerns. Please allow seven working days in advance of the event in order to make the necessary arrangements.